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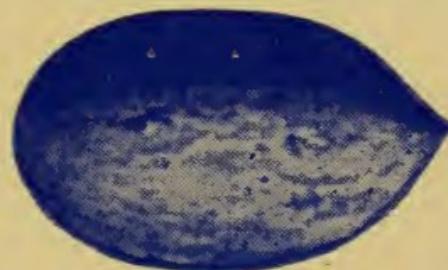
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SECTION OF NOMENCLATURE

BUDDED
PECAN
TREES

and

PECAN
SEEDLINGS



LA PORTE
PECAN NURSERY CO.

La Porte
Harris County
Texas

SEASON 1916-17

PRICES OF BUDDED PECAN TREES

	10	100	500
1 to 2 feet.....	\$3.00	\$27.50	\$125.00
2 to 3 feet.....	4.00	35.00	150.00

Write for prices for 1000 or more.

'CHOICE SEEDLING PECANS

	100	500	1000
1 to 2 feet.....	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$100.00

Write for special prices for more than 1000.

These prices are F. O. B. La Porte, Texas.

TO PECAN PLANTERS

We offer to planters for the season 1916-17 an exceptionally fine lot of budded Stuart and Schley pecan trees. These two varieties we have selected for propagating exclusively for the reason that we believe that they have proven themselves in many respects best adapted for Texas planting.

Our trees are grown from plump, well-matured nuts planted as seed, seedlings carefully cultivated and kept in a healthy, growing condition, and budded the second season close to the ground with buds taken from choice trees of the varieties, Stuart and Schley.

We are offering only small trees to the planter, for we are convinced, through long experience, that it is advisable to plant small trees. We are confident that every experienced planter will agree with us as to the soundness of these reasons:

1st—Small trees are not so expensive to the planter. With a given amount of money to be invested in an orchard he can plant more trees.

2nd—The cost of planting smaller trees is less. The holes can be better prepared for receiving them, and they can be planted more quickly and more cheaply.

3rd—The loss in planting small trees is always much less than that in planting large trees, for the reason that more nearly the entire root system can be taken up in

digging, and there is less shock to the tree.

4th—The small tree will adjust itself to changed conditions from the nursery row to the orchard more readily and will begin growing and maintain growth with less likelihood of a setback.

5th—Experience has demonstrated that a small tree, after a given number of years, say, five to eight, will be as large as a tree bigger at planting time. Since the results in growth of tree and bearing qualities do not show anyway till the tree is at least five years old, we maintain that there is no loss of time to bearing in planting a small, healthy, growing tree, and that there is a direct saving, as set forth above.

Planting Time

Pecan trees may be planted at any time from November to the time when the buds begin to swell in the spring. Trees become dormant on dropping their leaves in the fall and remain so till warm weather comes. If heeled in and kept in a shady, cool place, they remain in first-class condition till April. But planting should be done as early as possible in the planting season.

Soils

The pecan and the hickory, to which family the pecan belongs, thrive in any soil in Texas or the South, where drainage is good, where there is not a hard pan underneath, and where there is sufficient rainfall during

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the year to supply moisture to deep-feeding roots.

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Alluvial banks and river bottoms are the natural home of the pecan, and native pecans are found in such regions because falling nuts find a moist soil and humus and mold under which to bury themselves and so germinate and grow into trees. Under different conditions the native tree may not get a start, but the planted tree will be found to thrive perfectly if planted well and given fair cultivation.

The soil should be good, as well as in good condition. The pecan will make about the same draft on soil fertility that the corn crop does, and it is as idle to expect a pecan orchard or a pecan tree to take care of itself as it would be for corn to yield a crop unless there has been fair preparation of good soil and reasonable care after the crop has been planted.

In short, pecans will grow if well planted and cared for on almost every part of any farm in South or Central or East Texas, and along all the river bottoms of Southwest and West Texas. Therefore, every farm home should have pecans planted about it, either as commercial orchards for the future or about the house and barn and fences. Reasonable care a few years and a good revenue may be had from such plantings.

Planting

Make holes large enough to accommodate

roots spread out in natural position, being careful to cut off, with a sharp knife, all broken or mashed roots. Plant trees the same depth as they stood in the nursery. This can be determined by the soil marks on the tree. Fill in among the roots with mellow surface soil, with which, if too poor, some well-rotted stable manure or a little fertilizer has been well mixed. Pack the soil well about the roots, and pour in water after the hole has been filled, putting some loose soil on top to retain the water and moisture.

Cultivation

Cultivation should be thorough, as it should be for any tree or growing crop. Since trees are planted far apart, for the first four or five years some other crops should be grown on the land; cotton, potatoes, corn or some crop that requires clean cultivation; taking care not to plant close enough to the trees to injure them in cultivating the crop, but seeing that the land around the tree is cultivated thoroughly.

Trees must be fed and cared for if any results are to be expected. A tree may be a foot in diameter when it is twelve years old, or it may be only four inches, all depending on the care given to the tree, the way it is fertilized and cultivated. If a tree is worth planting at all it is worth taking care of so that there will be no disappointment when it comes to bearing age. Bear-

ing age in pecan trees does not depend so much upon the number of years since planting, but upon the growth of the tree, and this depends directly upon the preparation of good soil, careful planting, thorough cultivation and supplying the plant food requirements to keep the tree growing.

Distance

Trees should be planted not less than thirty-five feet in thin soil, and further apart in heavier and more fertile soils. True this seems a big distance for the first dozen years, but during that time other crops may be grown to repay cultivation of the trees. Pecan trees, however, may be considered planted for all time, as there is no time or age limit for them, as there is for the apple, peach or other orchard trees. The river bottoms of Texas today are filled with trees upwards of a century old, and there are trees that measure their age by centuries.

Age of Bearing

The pecan begins to bear at five to seven years from planting, though under favorable conditions it may begin a year or so earlier. With good soil and good care a paying crop may be expected by the time the tree is ten years old, and each year thereafter sees a rapid increase in the quantity of nuts produced. Do not plant pecans for immediate returns. Rather plant them as an investment, remembering that presently ten years

have gone by and land that was worth only a few dollars an acre has been made worth hundreds of dollars an acre merely by expending a few dollars for the trees and a little extra work in planting and cultivating them, along with other crops through the years.

Plant pecan trees. Your children will thank you for so doing.

Prices and Terms

Prices are given on the second page of this folder. We have more than 40,000 budded trees and we are desirous of selling as many as possible this season. Therefore we have made the prices very attractive indeed.

Terms are cash with order, unless trees are ordered for future shipment. In such case one-fourth should be sent with order and balance when the order is sent for shipping the trees.

Trees are packed carefully so that they will arrive in good condition. Unless specified otherwise they are shipped by express. Unless the order is a very large one and only a short distance to go, shipment should not be made by freight. Nursery stock carries an especially low express rate.

La Porte Pecan Nursery, La Porte, Texas.

References:

Brenton & McKay, Bankers
La Porte, Texas